

Dear Members of the Insurance and Real State Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Patrick Feeley. I am a resident of Greenwich as well as a student at Yale University in New haven. I am testifying to communicate my strong support for **Connecticut H.B. 6622 - AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES AND LISTS OF COVERED DRUGS**. This bill would limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost tier, during a plan year.

Connecticut residents deserve the right to fair health-care coverage without fear of outrageous price-adjustments for prescription drugs. As a resident and student in Connecticut, I know many people that rely on prescription drugs in order to remain healthy. Legislators have the ability to place controls on health carriers, and I- respectfully- urge members of the CGA to pass HB 6622 in order to create price stability for prescription drugs. This bill awards the right to health-care that every Connecticut resident deserves. Additionally, Connecticut lags behind many others in the control of health carriers.

Connecticut is already behind the curve. Several states, including the likes of Texas, have passed similar laws eliminating mid-year formulary changes. In Texas, a health insurer may modify a policy's prescription drug coverage only at a policy's renewal. It is incredibly disappointing that Connecticut lags behind its southern counterparts when it comes to progressive, equitable healthcare legislation.

In conclusion, I would like to restate my strong support for H.B. 6622. The citizens of Connecticut deserve better than to live at the whims of insurer dictates. Catching up with the rest of the nation on this issue is the least our state can do and I ask the committee to vote favorably on this important and necessary measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Patrick Feelet